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## Top Chinese-Canadian businesses pick up hard



Wally Mah (r) picked up the 2011 Entrepreneur of the Year award from the Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs Saturday for h Development Corp. in Saskatoon

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Chinese Canadian businesses were in the spotlight Saturday evening as the Association of Chinese presented its 15th annual awards.

Meanwhile Adrienne Clarkson, former governor general of Canada from 1999 to 2005, received award for her public service and career as a broadcast journalist with the CBC. While she could not attend, she did record a brief video accepting the award.

Wally Mah, co-founder of Saskatoon construction firm North Ridge Development Corp., picked up the award. His business, started in 1982, built more than 300 units in 2010 for revenues north of \$8 million.

“ACCE will continue to further its role as the leading national business association of and for Chinese Canadians,” said Ching Kwong, president of the ACCE, said in a release.

Other winners included Vincent Cheung, who won the Best Start-up award for Shape Collage, a company that creates various shapes using digital photos, and Joshua Huen of Dr. Battery International Group, who won the award for his company that specializes in distributing batteries for a slew of portable electronic devices. Dr. Battery, Richmond, B.C., also has operations in California and Hong Kong.

The ACCE presented nine awards in all, including Ms. Clarkson’s award.

About 750 people attended the event, hosted in a Markham, Ont. hotel ballroom. Notable guests included Industry Minister, as well as provincial and municipal government officials. Representatives from various industries also attended.

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